

Evaluating the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Virginia's Juvenile Detention Centers

Adopted Recommendation

Recommendation: Request that the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Municipal League, and affected localities conduct an assessment of needs regarding juvenile detention centers. This assessment shall take into consideration the cost savings that could occur with consolidation or repurposing and discuss ways to reinvest in places or programs for youth who are in or at risk of becoming part of the juvenile justice system. Further, request that this review assess and consider alternative delivery models of education services. This group shall report its progress and timeline to determine any potential cost savings and ways to invest in community needs, to the Commission on Youth by July 1, 2023. This group shall complete its report and provide recommendations to the Commission on Youth by December 1, 2023.